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SUBJECT: LEBANESE ARMS CONTROL

REF: LONDON 1115

1. BELIEVE IT IS PRESENTLY UNPROFITIOUS TIME FOR EC-9  
PUBLIC DECLARATION ABOUT ARMS TO LEBANON. PAST WEEK HAS  
SEEN ENTRY OF PALESTINIAN TROOPS FROM SYRIA INTO  
LEBANON, A HEAVY SHIFT IN THE MILITARY BALANCE AGAINST  
THE CHRISTIANS, AND CEASEFIRE AND POLITICAL NEGOTIATION  
EFFORTS WHICH SHOW REASONABLE CHANCE OF BEARING FRUIT. PUB-  
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LIC DECLARATION IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES COULD BE INTERPRETED

--BY CHRISTIANS AND THEIR ADVERSARIES ALIKE--AS ONE-SIDED  
AND AIMED AT ADDING PRESSURES TO THE CHRISTIANS DURING THE  
NEGOTIATIONS FOR A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT.

2. WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE RECEIVING REPORT OF LUXEM-  
BOURG DISCUSSION, AND NONETHELESS BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USE-  
FUL FOR DISCUSSION OF ARMS CONTROL TO CONTINUE. POSSIBI-  
LITY OF SOME WESTERN RESTRICTION ON ARMS MOVEMENT COULD AT  
SOME POINT BE BALANCING FACTOR IN FACILITATING RETURN TO  
NORMALCY IN LEBANON WHEN TIME COMES FOR SYRIAN INVOLVEMENT  
THERE TO DECREASE.

3. FOLLOWING RESPONDS TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS IN REFTTEL  
PARA 3:

A. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN CONCERNED THAT WESTERN ARMS CONTROL  
BY ITSELF COULD HAVE ONE-SIDED EFFECT. HENCE WE HAVE EN-  
VISAGED THE POSSIBILITY OF WESTERN ARMS CONTROL AS SOME-  
THING WHICH COULD BE USED IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH SYRIANS  
TO PROMOTE SOME OVER-ALL REDUCTION IN ARMS FLOWS INTO  
LEBANON.

B. IF AN ARMS CONTROL EFFORT IS MADE, WE WOULD ENVISAGE  
CONTROLS IN PRODUCING AND TRANSIT COUNTRIES, NOT RPT NOT  
USE OF SIXTH FLEET.

C. WE RECOGNIZE THAT SOME COUNTRIES WILL HAVE DIFFICULTY  
EFFECTIVELY CONTROLLING ALL ARMS DEALS. BELIEVE IT WOULD  
BE USEFUL FOR THEM TO CONSIDER WAYS THROUGH WHICH ARMS  
CONTROL PROCEDURES COULD BE TIGHTENED SO THAT IF AN ARMS  
CONTROL EFFORT IS MADE AT A LATER DATE, TIME LAG BETWEEN  
A DECLARATION AND ITS EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION WOULD BE  
REDUCED.

4. EMBASSY LONDON IS REQUESTED TO DRAW ON ABOVE IN  
DISCUSSION WITH APPROPRIATE LEVEL UK FONOFF PRIOR TO WED  
JANUARY 28 EC MIDDLE EAST EXPERTS DISCUSSION. OTHER  
ADDRESSEES MAY DRAW ON POINTS AS APPROPRIATE IF ASKED. KISSINGER

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